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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Agricultural Marketing Administration
Washington, D. C.

July 31, 1942

ADMINISTRATOR'S MEMORANDUM NO. 21 ✓

Subject: Foreign Purchases

The following is a memorandum of understanding between the Commodity Credit Corporation and the Agricultural Marketing Administration, dated July 30, 1942, showing the procedure to be followed in connection with foreign purchases:

"1. The purchase of agricultural commodities in foreign countries for import into the United States is determined to be the exclusive function of the Commodity Credit Corporation in Directive No. 2 issued by the Board of Economic Warfare on May 16, 1942. The Commodity Credit Corporation recognizes that in the administration of Defense Aid and other emergency food supply programs by the Agricultural Marketing Administration it may be necessary to buy in foreign countries certain commodities which would be brought into the United States only temporarily or would be used in connection with a wartime emergency food supply program. When such purchases are necessary, the Agricultural Marketing Administration agrees to request that the purchase or contract to purchase be made by the Commodity Credit Corporation, and the Commodity Credit Corporation agrees to make such purchases for the Agricultural Marketing Administration whenever necessary, except that specific purchases may with the approval of the Commodity Credit Corporation be made by the Agricultural Marketing Administration.

"2. Whenever the Commodity Credit Corporation agrees that specific purchases should be made directly by the Agricultural Marketing Administration, the designated representatives of both agencies will put into writing the understanding and provide copies to interested officials of both agencies and the Secretary's Office.

"3. The Commodity Credit Corporation designates as its representative for handling such transactions Mr. E. R. Cook, Vice President. The Agricultural Marketing Administration designates as its representative Captain Ralph W. Olmstead, Assistant Administrator."



Roy F. Hendrickson

Administrator

